

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the following paragraphs on page 6:

Figure 2 illustrates the antibody titer levels of a rabbit injected with VGF-1 (SEQ ID NO:1), calculated at 1:100 to 2x serial dilution;

Figure 3 illustrates the antibody titer levels of a rabbit injected with VGF-2 (SEQ ID NO:4), calculated at 1:100 to 2x serial dilution.

Please replace the paragraph at page 79, line 1 with the following paragraph:

The syringe was connected with an 18-gauge mixing needle and the solution was mixed to emulsify. The mixture was then transferred to two 1 ml syringes for intramuscular injection into rabbits. Rabbits were injected with 0.1 ml of VGF polypeptide/adjuvant solution at 2 injection sites, and the rabbits were then boosted at 4 weeks and 6 weeks thereafter. Rabbits were test bled (removing approximately 5 ml) following the second boost and then test bled again after two weeks. If the production bleeds were deemed acceptable, rabbits were boosted again and then bled once a week for six weeks (removing approximately 40 ml) two weeks after this boost.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please delete Figures 2 and 3 from the application.